

Emergency Medical Services Commission Meeting Minutes

DATE: November 19, 2004

LOCATION: Indiana Government Center-South
Auditorium, Indianapolis

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Gary | Miller | (Private | Ambulance) |
| Jane | Craigin | (Hospital | EMS) |
| Carol | Sublett | (Volunteer | EMS) |
| Michael | Seaver | (Emergency | Nurses) |
| Bill | Hufford | | (Paramedics) |
| Myron | Mackey | | (EMTs) |
| Timothy | R. | Sandy | (Volunteer Fire) |
| Michael Olinger, MD | | (Trauma Physicians) | |

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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| Rodney Coats | (General Public) |
| Tim Davie | (Municipal Fire) |
| Doyle Yeager, MD | (Emergency Physicians) |

OTHERS PRESENT:

Michael Garvey, Deputy Director
Brad Gavin, Agency Counsel

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Gary Miller.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Myron Mackey offered a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Carol Sublett. The motion passed. The minutes were approved as written.

STAFF REPORTS:

EMS PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION REPORT

First Responders certified this date: 7,497

Emergency Medical Technicians to be certified this date:.....191

Emergency Medical Technicians currently certified:.....15,086

Emergency Medical Technicians recertified this date:.....1,624

Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians to be certified this date:.....24

Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians currently certified:.....1,315

Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians recertified this date:.....134

Paramedics to be certified this date:29

Paramedics currently certified:..... 2,560

Paramedics recertified this date:..... 377

Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate to be certified this date:..... 9

Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate currently certified..... 67

Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate recertified this date:..... 0

Temporary Certifications issued:

EMT-B:2

Advanced EMT..... 0

Paramedic:.....2

Drivers Certifications currently certified: 1259

Michael Olinger offered a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Tim Sandy. The motion passed.

EMS PROVIDER CERTIFICATION REPORT

ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport,
Basic-Advanced, EMT-I, Paramedic Organization 1

ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider,
BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced, Paramedic Organization.....
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ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport,
Paramedic Organization 2

ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider,
EMT Basic-Advanced Organization 1

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| ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization..... | 18 |
| ALS Non-Transport Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization | 15 |
| ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization | 2 |
| ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization | 2 |
| ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad Organization..... | 1 |
| ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Rescue Squad Organization | 1 |
| ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization | 1 |
| ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization..... | 1 |
| ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization..... | 2 |
| ALS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization | 4 |
| Ambulance Service Provider | 104 |
| Ambulance Service, BLS Non-Transport | 26 |
| Ambulance Service, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization | 2 |
| Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT Intermediate Organization | 1 |
| Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization | 1 |
| Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization..... | 5 |
| Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization | 4 |
| Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Rescue Squad | 5 |

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| Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization..... | 25 |
| Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate Organization | 1 |
| Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced, EMT-Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization | 6 |
| Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate organization, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad | 1 |
| Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization | 54 |
| Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Advanced-Basic Organization Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad | 2 |
| Ambulance Service Provider, Intermediate Organization | 1 |
| Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization..... | 25 |
| Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad..... | 1 |
| Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization, Rotocraft Air Ambulance..... | 4 |
| Ambulance Service Provider, Rescue Squad | 2 |
| BLS Non-Transport Organization..... | 312 |
| BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization | 2 |
| BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Rescue Squad..... | 1 |
| BLS Non-Transport, Rescue Squad..... | 91 |
| Rescue Squad Organization | 5 |
| Rotocraft Air Ambulance..... | 10 |
| Total Providers | 750 |

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sublett. The motion passed.

EMS OPERATIONS REPORT

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| EMS Vehicle Inspections: | 108 |
| Provider/Hospital Applications Processed:..... | 87 |
| EMS Provider Visits:..... | 35 |
| EMS Provider Audits:..... | 25 |
| Hospital Visits:..... | 9 |
| Hospital Audits:..... | 02 |
| EMT Tests Proctored | 9 |

Sherrie Crain , EMS Operations Director, reported the Emergency response Conference was a great success. She also informed the commission that staff had just completed a two-day strategic planning meeting, looking into the future direction of EMS in Indiana .

Deputy Director Garvey reported that the planning meeting included setting goals, assigning a responsible party to guide the project, and setting priorities. The end result will be a State EMS Plan.

Mr. Mackey stated that, through his participation in the ambulance competition and other conference projects, he has developed a great admiration of all EMS staff for what they accomplish.

EMS DATA REGISTRY

Mark Nelson reported that the system has recorded 820,000 runs and more services are reporting each month. Mr. Nelson reminded providers that there was no more free software available. He suggested that any provider organization currently using Fire House and planning to switch to a private vendor return the Fire House package to him so that it can be reissued.

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mackey. The motion passed.

EMS DATA REGISTRY TASKFORCE

Mr. Miller presented a recommendation that the commission support, review, and conform to the National EMS Information System Project. Mr. Miller stated that we are currently collecting most of the data elements. The EMS Code Sets can be viewed at www.nemsis.org.

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to add Indiana to the list of National Association of State EMS Directors Resolution 2003-03, Member States Agreement to Conform to NHTSA Uniform Pre-hospital Dataset Version 2.0. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sandy. The motion passed.

Dr. Olinger requested that the data registry prepare a report comparing the number of patients having an allergic reaction, the treatment given, and match with patient outcome.

EMS EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Ed O'Farrell presented a request that the committee review and establish standards for advanced practice paramedics and also to review and establish standards for acceptance of other driving programs for the issue of certifications.

Dr. Olinger asked for a definition of the advanced practice paramedic. Lindi Holt explained that the scope of practice needed to be drafted to help with healthcare shortages and to improve the care of patients requiring specialty care transport.

After much discussion, Mr. Miller said that the specialty care transport was an important money issue for providers requiring that a scope of practice for paramedics be established.

Mr. Mackey offered a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded Bill Hufford. The motion passed.

Ms. Sublett offered a motion to allow the committee to investigate the standards for advanced practice paramedic. The motion was Michael Seaver. The motion passed.

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Mr. Sandy offered a motion to allow the committee to review and establish standards for acceptance of other driving programs for the issuance of certificates. The motion was seconded by Mr. Seaver. The motion passed.

LEGAL MATTERS

PENDING ADMINISTRATIVE CASES

Agency Counsel, Michael Sommerkamp presented a list of pending administrative cases. No action by the commission was required.

RENEWAL of EMERGENCY ORDERS of SUSPENSION

Cause No. 01-2003, Jay Michael Farlow

Cause No. 09-2003, Bruce A. Decamp

Cause No. 11-2004, James M. Joyce

Cause No. 12-2004, Christopher Naas

Cause No. 13-2004, Steven D. Doty

Cause No. 14-2004, Boyce Freese

NONFINAL ORDER of the ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

Cause #03-01, Scott Hicks

Mr. Gavin reported that the Administrative Law Judge has issued an order to revoke the Paramedic Certificate No. 15231 of Mr. Hicks for a period of 7 years and suspend the Emergency Medical Technician and Green Light Certificates No. 15231 for seven years.

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to affirm the Non-final Order. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sandy. The certification of Mr. Hicks is revoked for seven years. Bill Hufford abstained.

Cause # 04-04, James Rosenau

Mr. Gavin reported that the Administrative Law Judge has issued an order to revoke Paramedic and Primary Instructor Certificate number 17785 issued to Mr. Rosenau for a period of seven years. The order also suspends the Emergency Medical Technician certificate number 17785 for a period of seven years.

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to affirm the Non-Final Order. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sandy. The motion passed.

AGREED ORDER

Cause # 02-02, Christopher Wininger

Mr. Gavin reported that the Administrative Law Judge has issued an Agreed Order containing the following provisions: EMT Certificate #51125 is revoked for seven years. Mr. Wininger may not have contact with any EMS patient or EMS vehicle for seven years, except as a patient. Mr. Wininger may not apply for EMS certification during the period of revocation and he must surrender his current certificate.

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to affirm the Agreed Order. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sublett. The motion passed.

EMS COMMISSION RULE WAIVER REQUESTS

PERSONNEL

Jeff Williams, EMT-B, 49 28148, Expires 01-01-05.

Requesting an extension of certification to May 1, 2005 to fulfill in service requirements. Staff's recommendation is to deny the waiver.

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to accept staff's recommendation. The motion was

seconded by Ms. Sublett. The motion passed on a show of hands with five for and two opposed. The waiver is denied.

Joshua W. Maxwell

Mr. Maxwell completed an EMT Course in June. He passed the written examination. He has failed the practical examination twice making him ineligible to retest. Mr. Maxwell is requesting an opportunity to retest because he feels he was being discriminated against during the testing process.

Staff's recommendation is to deny the waiver.

After discussion, **Mr. Mackey offered a motion to accept staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sublett. The motion passed on a show of hands, four voting yes and 3 voting no.**

REQUEST FOR HONORARY EMT CERTIFICATION

Deputy Director Garvey requested that the EMS Commission approve an Honorary Paramedic Certification for Paul Beal. Mr. Beal has retired from Riverview EMS. He is honored for his lifelong commitment to emergency medical services. Mr. also served on the EMS Commission Operations Committee.

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to issue an Honorary Paramedic Certificate to Paul Beal. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sandy. The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR and CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Deputy Director Garvey stated that Access Defibrillation has filed for bankruptcy. Providers should be aware of this when considering purchases. He also announced that the Child Abuse Seminar has been cancelled due to lack of interest. The draft rules for EMD will be available soon and briefings will be held around the State in January

2005 EMS COMMISSION MEETING DATES

Friday, January 21
Friday, March 18
Friday, May 20
Friday, July 15
Thursday, September 15
Friday, November 18

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.